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6 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
7 **EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON**

8 JOSE ALFREDO RIVERA-RUIZ, on  
behalf of himself and a class of  
9 all others similarly situated,

10 Plaintiff,

11 v.

12 DOUGLAS COUNTY; GORDON EDGAR,  
Prosecuting Attorney for Douglas  
13 County, in his official and  
individual capacities; U.S.  
14 DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY;  
KEVIN MCALEENAN, in his official  
15 capacity as Acting Secretary of  
the Department of Homeland  
16 Security, and the UNITED STATES  
OF AMERICA,

17 Defendants.

NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**DECLARATION OF  
CHRISTIAN CERVANTES**

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19 I, Christian Cervantes, declare under penalty of perjury:

20 1. I am a paralegal at ESPADA CRIMINAL DEFENSE, P.S, the  
21 law firm representing Mr. Rivera-Ruiz in the case of the *State*  
22 *of Washington v. Jose Rivera*, Douglas County Superior Court  
23 case number 19-1-00014-09, and the above-captioned case.

1           2.    On May 6, 2019 I called the Douglas County Superior  
2 Court clerk's office to ask about the procedures practiced in  
3 the superior court of said county.

4           3.    I introduced myself and asked about who I could talk  
5 to about procedures practiced in Douglas County Superior Court.

6           4.    I spoke with a gentleman who identified himself as  
7 Brycen.

8           5.    Brycen stated that defense counsel is not provided to  
9 defendants at preliminary hearings - present at the preliminary  
10 hearing is the prosecutor, the defendant, jail as well and  
11 court staff.

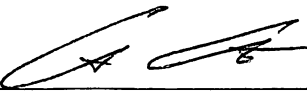
12          6.    A public defender is provided for defendants in  
13 advance of and for their scheduled arraignment date.

14          7.    I proceeded to ask Brycen whether this is a new  
15 procedure and he stated that this has been the procedure since  
16 he has been working at the clerk's office for approximately the  
17 past 12 years.

18          8.    My subsequent review of the Douglas County website  
19 revealed Brycen Greenwood is listed as Chief Deputy Clerk.  
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2 I DECLARE UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY UNDER THE LAWS OF THE  
3 STATE OF WASHINGTON THAT THE ABOVE IS TRUE AND CORRECT.

4 RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this this 14<sup>TH</sup> day of MAY 2019.

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